

THE NEW LAW.

The United States, beyond question, needs a tariff law that protects the treasury. The Wilson bill, as a revenue measure, disappointed its espousers, and it seems strange that any number of congressmen should vote to perpetuate it. Yet, with but a few exceptions, the combined republican opposition in the house voted to retain the Wilson bill. The democratic party and the populist party are on record as favoring a deficiency in the national treasury.

The Dingley bill is a revenue measure and a protective measure, as the term is understood in American politics. It protects American capital and American labor. It says to the manufacturer, "You can sell the product of your mills, without the competition of foreign pauper-made goods." It tells the workingman, "You can find employment at civilized wages. You are protected from the pauper and slave competition of the old world." The farmers are told, "You will have a home market for your products and protection against the influx from foreign countries of hops, wool, prunes, eggs and other articles."

Laws do not make prosperity, but such a law greatly tends to keep our home-made prosperity at home.

Prospects for the passage of the bill are very favorable in the senate. President McKinley, of course, will approve of it, and the Wilson bill, wrung from a dissolving and factional party, full of incongruities and inequalities, and disapproved, in its amended form, by the strong man who made its passage possible, will pass into history as a discarded failure.

THE LADY AND THE LAW.

There seems to be something of persecution in the continued assaults upon the peace and security of Honorable Eliza Ann Sanders Holcomb, of Monroe precinct.

Madam Holcomb is not a joy forever. She pays no unnecessary homage to Moses' tablets of stone and is more thoughtful of her own privileges than of those of others. But these things give no warrant for recent trespassing upon her temper and her land. Madam Holcomb is an American citizen and is entitled to the law's protection, and should be safe from legal persecution.

Every year the lady is fined and bound over to await the action of the grand jury, and several times each year. She is always acquitted in the circuit court. But these cases cost money. Eliza Ann Sanders Holcomb and Benton county taxpayers have to pay for the fun that enterprising Monroites stir up over Eliza. This is getting monotonous to both Eliza and the taxpayers.

The acts for which Madam Sanders is so often taken into court are, curiously enough, always occurring on her own farms. Troublers come to Eliza, and the troubles, not the lady, should be visited by the law.

The recent trouble, on account of which the Monroe Sampson is now under bonds, arose from her efforts to keep trespassers off her land. Freighters, in spite of her prohibition, passed through her farm, because such a route was shorter than the county road. She felled trees, plowed furrows and nailed up gates, but the teamsters drove through laid fences and around obstructions. The lady then threatened to "cut out their livers." The courageous and gallant gentlemen of the reins straightway had her arrested. The court should direct Eliza to carry out her threat.

OUR OWN LANGUAGE.

The proper study of the English language is urged upon our young men and young women, upon our boys and girls, not as a mere accomplishment, as the word is generally understood, but because the correct use of our common language is a necessity in every-day life.

To properly express ourselves, and to understand the expressions of others, is one of the most useful of arts. Each day witnesses pain, worry, loss and sorrow caused by misexpressions and misinterpretations. Many of our law suits are due to deficiency in English on the part of our law-makers. The laws are not plain and contentions arise.

In our daily contact with each other, the very general carelessness that prevails among the people in respect to the use of their own language, is too evident. In a land of serfs, such a condition is excusable, but in a na-

tion of kings, such ignorance of the ordinary rules of grammar and rhetoric should not be a kindly prerogative.

In our public schools, exercises in language have been more of a recreation than a study, and the most important lesson has been the most neglected. The colleges are subject to severe criticisms in this matter. John Brisbane Walker, editor of the Cosmopolitan magazine, said recently:

"The editor of a magazine to which from twelve to fourteen thousand manuscripts are submitted each year, has an opportunity to appreciate the training which the ordinary college man receives in his own language. It is freely confessed by the professors in charge of the leading universities that they cannot obtain for their young men sufficient time from other studies to do justice to English. Yet nearly every graduate has occasion to suffer both mortification and loss during his life because of the deficiencies thus caused."

College professors complain, with reason, that they find it necessary, generally, to instruct the students of English in those things that should have been learned at the public schools. The work of the public schools is of more importance than that of the higher institutions, for they are the fountain of learning for the great majority of our citizens.

In the recent local teachers' institute, Prof. Holm admirably discussed this subject. He not only criticized the useless and even harmful methods that many teachers employ, but presented a plan of instruction in English that should be employed in every public school.

Prof. Holm believes in natural methods, discarding meaningless forms, and observing principles rather than mere rules. One of our greatest mental attributes, imagination, is too often wholly ignored by the teacher, and is dulled when it should be cultivated. Miss Crawford, who heartily approved Prof. Holm's suggestions, stated that in her work one of the greatest difficulties is the apparent lack of imag-

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TO BUSINESS MEN

WHO DESIRE TRADE.

The publication of the Philomath Journal having ceased, the GAZETTE Publishing Company purchased the subscription list. This adds more than one hundred and fifty names to our list, the majority of which are not reached by any other county paper.

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In many pupils. In reading, they have been taught simply to pronounce the words properly and observe the pauses and even in this respect they are often deficient. Substance is swallowed up in form.

The growing interest in this important subject is gratifying and it is possible that the coming generation will be not handicapped by unnecessary ignorance of the mother tongue.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that, according to the laws of Oregon, the taxes due Benton county for the year 1896 will become delinquent April 1st, 1897. City and county warrants will not be accepted in payment of any taxes after that date.

PETER RICKARD,
Sheriff of Benton County.
Dated March 12th, 1897.

A Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand at the county treasurer's office to pay all orders endorsed and marked "Net paid for want of funds," up to, and including those of Dec. 8th, 1892. Interest will be stopped on same from this date.

W. A. BUCHANAN,
Treasurer of Benton County Oregon.
Dated Corvallis, March 12, 1896.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Stanley T. Woodruff, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, properly verified, to me, at my residence in Philomath, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, and all persons owing said estate are required to make immediate settlement.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1897.
CATHERINE P. WOODRUFF,
Administratrix.

County warrants taken at par for merchandise at Nolan & Callahan's.

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COLLEGE OF PHILOMATH.

The College of Philomath held the closing exercises of the second term Friday evening. The program began on time and was as follows:

Music, "Make a Joyful Noise," vocal class.
Music, "Praise to Thee," mixed quartette.
Invocation, Elder Stewart.
Music, male quartette.
Recitation, "How Jane Conquest Rang the Bell," Bertha Wilson.
Essay, "Development of Man," C. G. Springer.
Music, mixed quartette.
Recitation, "Jamie," Nora Ingle.
Essay, "Dependence of Nations," N. E. Watkins.
Music, "The Little Steamboat," vocal class.
Recitation, "The Burial of Moses," Winnie Sawyer.
Essay, "Memory," Orpha Lewis.
Music, male quartette.
Concert recitation, "Cold Water."

Music, "Old Daddy-Long-Legs," male quartette.

After this program, followed a drama, "The Mountain Wolf," of four scenes. The plot was laid in a western mining town. The parts were well sustained and the house was crowded with an appreciative audience. The following is the cast of characters:

Bill Mason.....A. S. Henderson
Ralph Delmar.....S. O. Watkins
Monte Miller.....Ovid Martin
Krautz.....A. P. Dittmar
Hamilton Ham.....J. P. Gragg
Asterbit.....R. L. Bryan
Pat Hennessy.....Robt. Clark
Parson Tibbs.....H. C. Wyatt
Jack Wilbur.....M. K. Watkins
Meg.....Alice Wyatt
Dollie Wilbur.....Emma Haines
Mrs. Tibbs.....Tena Hull

An orchestra, composed as follows, furnished the music: N. E. Watkins, organ; A. S. Henderson, banjo; W. T. Wyatt, guitar; D. M. Holbrook and E. Edwards, violins.

ALPINE NOTES.

Mr. Ross has rented his farm to Mr. McCune, of Linn county.

Mr. Fred Walters is home from the O. A. C. for a few days' vacation.

Miss Ethel Starr commenced her school in the Belknap district Monday.

Mr. Joe Wilson, of Corvallis, passed through our neighborhood Tuesday.

The Alpine Literary Society has adjourned, to meet the first Friday in November.

Mr. Frank Watkins begins his school in the Barkley district on Monday, April 5th.

The McKinley literary society is to give an entertainment in the Belknap school house Friday evening, April 9th.

On account of the high water, Mr. Price's children were not able to attend school at Belknap last Thursday.

Quarterly meeting will be held at Simpson's chapel April 9th and 10th. The presiding elder, Rev. Ford, is to be present.

Mr. Waltz and family, of California, are temporarily located near Belknap and expect to build as soon as the weather permits.

WELLS ITEMS.

K. A. Vanderpool was doing business in Corvallis one day last week.

H. A. Hecker and family, of Seio, have been visiting friends here the last week.

Miss Carrie Murray, who is attending the O. A. C., is at home spending her vacation.

J. L. Tomlinson and wife, of Albany, have been visiting old friends here the last week.

Henry Ridders, who has been attending school at Mt. Angel this winter, has returned home.

A number of O. A. C. students passed through Wells on the train Thursday, on their way home to spend their vacations.

The wind storm on the 25th did considerable damage here, in the way of tearing down fences, and also blew the new barn of Ben Harris's down. It will be quite a loss to him, as he had just finished it the week before.

BLODGETT NEWS.

Mr. Clodfelter, formerly of this valley, but now of Independence, came up from that place on Sunday last.

William Green, of Philomath, bought a beef of W. A. Gellatly last Tuesday that weighed 811 pounds dressed.

Two inches of snow fell during Sunday night, but was mostly melted before Monday evening, when a new, but thinner coat fell.

The Alexander school, situated in the upper end of King's valley, began a week ago. Miss Bertha Plunkett is the teacher, and there is a good attendance.

John Murray went to Yaquina via the O. C. & E. last Saturday, so as to sail on the next steamer for California. He expects to be away about six months.

DUSTY ITEMS.

Geo. Porter has sold his place to a man from near Salem.

Van Dodge went to Corvallis Tuesday with a load of hogs.

Mr. Wooly, of Siuslaw, was in our burg Wednesday on business.

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Ma of Rev. Waltz is sick this week and is able to attend school.

B. M. Jolly and wife were visiting at Mr. Tharp's Wednesday.

Dogs got into Mr. Hogue's flock of sheep last Sunday and killed eight lambs.

Bunker Hill school is progressing nicely under the management of Arthur Perrin.

Mr. Burnard is always ahead of time. He has just finished shearing his sheep.

The Belknap fruit company will hold a board meeting next Monday at H. T. Bristow's.

Mrs. Hogue has been quite sick the past ten days, but is slightly improved at present writing.

Mr. Sinclair's mother, of Portland, arrived Wednesday and will make her future home with her son.

There must be some attraction in Dusty for Caton, judging from the number of trips he makes, especially on Sunday evenings.

MONROE ITEMS.

Miss Elva Starr returned to the O. A. C. Wednesday, after spending the spring vacation at home.

School began in Dist. 96 Monday, with Miss Ethel Starr at the helm. Only two students attended the opening session.

Miss Dollie Howard returned home from the O. A. C. last Friday, and will not resume her school work until next year.

The high winds nearly upset the school house in "Gospel Swamp" last week. Braces were used later and the thing was pushed back into position.

Walter Belknap, of Oak Lawn, had the misfortune to injure his foot last week. An ax, propelled by Walter's muscular arm, did the business and gave Walter a rest for a few weeks.

John Martin was the principal actor in a swimming contest last week. He started for town with eggs, drove into deep water, the eggs cases floated away and the team swam out. No damage.

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